



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 26, 2000

S. 2102

Timbisha Shoshone Homeland Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on May 10, 2000

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2102 would cost about \$14 million over the 2001-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; thus, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2102 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Enactment of this bill would benefit the Timbisha Shoshone tribe, and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or other tribal governments.

S. 2102 would establish a reservation for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe of California and Nevada. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the benefit of that tribe, subject to valid existing rights, approximately 7,754 acres of federal land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service (NPS) and about 508 acre-feet per year of federal water rights. S. 2102 also would authorize the Secretary to purchase and take into trust about 2,500 acres of privately owned land. Under the bill, the agencies and the tribe could negotiate cooperative agreements for the purpose of planning, developing, and managing areas within the reservation designated for special uses by the tribe.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that purchasing additional privately owned land for the tribe would cost about \$14 million. We estimate that the administrative cost of taking the land into trust and any additional costs incurred by the land management agencies would be insignificant in any given year. According to BLM and NPS, the federal land to be taken into trust currently does not generate significant receipts, and the agencies do not expect it to generate significant receipts over the next ten years.

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